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FARM QUOTAS EXCEEDED

ACHIEVEMENTS LISTED -- Svobodne Slovo, No 123, 26 May 49

Czechoslovak farmers are attaining wonderful results in their contri-
 butions to the Republic. The total amount of the whole year's quotas is
 565,148,975 crowns, 187,619,496 of which were due by the time of the Ninth
 Party Congress. The farmers surpassed the quota by 28.5 percent and in
 the amount of 241,251,117 crowns. The farmers of Pardubice Kraj fulfilled
 their original quotas most favorably by 152.3 percent.

Other figures by kraj and percentage are as follows: Liberec, 150.6;
 Pilsen, 142.2; Usti nad Labem, 138.5; Jihlava, 137.5; Cesko Budejovice,
 129.8; Bratsovo Kralovo, 128.4; and Prague, 119.2.

The following contributions in specific agricultural products and
 work were made for the Ninth Party Congress:

Product	Quota	Amount Contributed	Percent
Grains	4,760 quintals	5,319 quintals	111.7
Root crops (okopaniny)	3,832 quintals	4,049 quintals	105.6
Beef and pork	3,650 quintals	4,388 quintals	120.1
Milk	1,556,391 liters	2,665,125 liters	172.2
Eggs	1,629,501 eggs	2,562,546 eggs	126.5

The pledge of oil plants was fulfilled by 353 percent; delivery of
 poultry, 105 percent. The number of hogs increased by 17,551 head or 118.6
 percent. An increase of 10,569 head of calves has been pledged for the
 entire year. Of this number 2,760 have already been added to the present
 herds. The number of cows was increased by 2,791, sows by 2,924, and
 suckling pigs by 6,677. Of the entire year's pledge of 15,088 bulls,
 7,950 have been pledged over and above the plan before the Ninth Party
 Congress convenes.

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Besides 111,033 fruit trees already set out, farmers have set out an additional 672,545; in addition to 1,072,802 already planted, farmers have set out 2,734,858 more forest trees. In various improvement projects, farmers voluntarily worked 3,329,697 hours more than the planned 1,834,000 hours and collected 89,849 kilograms of raw materials as compared to the pledge of 43,459 kilograms.

As other projects and contributions to the Ninth Party Congress, the farmers built 45 kilometers of highway, 10 kilometers of drainage ditches, 14 small bridges, 138 kilometers of water conduits, 32 kilometers of embankments, and 113 hectares of new fish ponds; they also prepared 891 hectares of chicken-yard areas. Thirty-one hectares of pasture land were seeded with grass, and 149 hog-fattening farms, 12 poultry farms, 15 pig-veining stalls, 37 chicken brooders, 80 wash houses, and 22 rest houses were built.

The number of libraries was increased by 1,328.

State farms likewise took on long-term and short term pledges. One of the first pledges was to work 217,202 hours, but actually 230,292 volunteer hours were put in. With the delivery of 63,700 extra kilograms of beef, pledges were fulfilled by 111 percent in the value of 23 million crowns. State farms also delivered 752,700 kilograms of pork. The pledge for delivery of 861,452 liters of extra milk valued at almost 15 million crowns was fulfilled by 131 percent. A further contribution of the State farms is 9,550 domestic fowls valued at 1,045,000 crowns and 39,822 eggs worth 230,000 crowns. Another 5 million crowns are represented by improvement suggestions in the saving of fuels, servicing of machines, and economizing in feeds and fertilizers. Pledges in the collection of iron and cast iron were fulfilled by 119 percent. The total contribution of farmers from the State farms represents a total of 60,815,610 crowns.

SHEEP IN CZECHOSLOVAKIA -- Lidova Demokracie, No 114, 15 May 49

In the last 2½ years 521,754 metric centners of wool have been imported at a cost of 3,620,994,000 crowns. In the same period exports of wool products totaled 1,522,915,000 crowns. This negative balance equals nearly 60 percent of the cost of the wool, while in 1937 the negative balance totaled only 7.7 percent of the price of the wool bought.

As of 1 July 1945, there were 558,000 [sic] sheep in Czechoslovakia, of which 233,000 were in the Czech Provinces and 276,000 in Slovakia. By 1 January 1949 there were 458,693 sheep in the whole country, with 144,335 in the Czech Provinces and 314,358 in Slovakia.

HAY HARVEST TO START SOON -- Svobodne Slovo, No 130, 3 Jun 49

The harvest of hay and fodder will start soon in all parts of the country. The goal is to harvest 1,135,000 hectares of grassland and 961,000 hectares of fodder. This effort will be markedly aided by the 165,000 mobile harvesters, 2,000 hand-controlled motored harvesters, and 4,400 tractors with harvesting attachments which are available.

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